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(Case No. MBHB02-742-N (400/141))

IN THE APPLICATION OF: )  
McSwiggen et al. )  
Serial No. 10/758,155 ) Examiner: Bowman, Amy Hudson  
Filed: January 12, 2004 ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
Title RNA Interference Mediated ) Confirmation No.: 5758  
Inhibition Of Vascular )  
Endothelial Growth Factor And )  
Vascular Endothelial Growth )  
Factor Receptor Gene )  
Expression Using Short )  
Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA) )

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

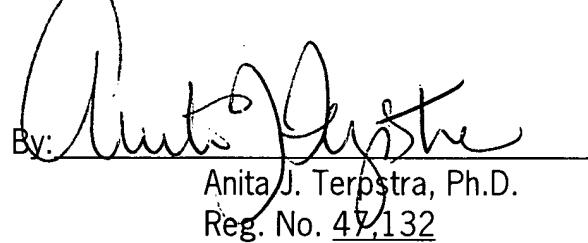
Dear Madam/Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a. Response to Office Action mailed October 27, 2005
  - b. Return Receipt Postcard.
2. With respect to additional fees:  
 No additional fee is required.
3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No.13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1

hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service under Express Mail Label No.: EV596664586US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 28th day of November, 2005.

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By:   
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Date: November 28, 2005



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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 27, 2005**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 27, 2005 Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner please enter the amendments and consider the remarks submitted herewith.

A timely response is due on November 28, 2005. Thus, it is believed that no fee is due with this response. If a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

**Amendments to the Specification** are on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.